THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TWENTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA.

Monday, the 25th March 1963.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I.—EXPRESSION OF SORROW AT THE DEMISE OF SRI M. PATANJALI SASTRI, FORMER MEMBER OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MR. CHAIRMAN : It is with deep regret that I have to convey to the House the sad news of the sudden death of Sri M. Patanjali Sastri, a nominated Member of this House from July 1958 to April 1962 at New Delhi on the 16th March 1963.

Sri M. Patanjali Sastri was an eminent Member of the Madras Bar and he specialised in the Income-Tax Law. He was appointed a Judge of the Madras High Court in March 1939 and later in December 1947 a Judge of the Federal Court and the Supreme Court. He became Chief Justice of India in 1951 and held this high office till 1953. He was Pro-Chancellor of the Delhi University during 1953–56. He visited Barcelona in Spain as the leader of the Indian Delegation to the First International Congress of Comparative Law held under the auspices of the International Association of Legal Science of the UNESCO. He was a Member of the Executive Council, Benares Hindu University, and Chairman of the Central Sanskrit Board. He was a great scholar and a gentleman with an amiable disposition. He endeared himself to one and all by his simplicity, sweet manners and courtesy. As a Member of this House, as Members are aware, he took very keen interest in its deliberations and made very valuable contributions on important legal problems. On behalf of this House, I shall convey our deep sense of sorrow to the members of the bereaved family.

I request the hon. Members to stand in silence for a minute as a mark of respect to the late Sri M. Patanjali Sastri.

Accordingly, all Members stood in silence for a minute.

II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

All-India Handloom Board

*60 *Q.*—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government was consulted in the matter of constitution and re-constitution of All-India Handloom Board;